

THE
EXECUTION
 AND
CONFESSION
 WITH THE
Behaviour & Speeches
 OF

Capt. Thomas Walcot, William Hone, and John Rouse, who according to the Sentence pronounced against them at the Old-Bayley, on the 12th Instant, were this 20th of July Drawn, Hanged and Quartered, for Traytorously Conspiring to Assassinate and Murther the King in his return from New-Market, and the Establish'd Government to Subvert, &c.

Entred according to O R D E R.

A Hellish conspiracy of divers wicked and desperate persons against the Kings Life and Government having been sometime past discovered, upon the Issuing out of His Majesties Proclamation, amongst other Traytors and Conspirators these, on whom Justice has deservedly fixed Her severest mark, were apprehended, *viz. Thomas Walcot, William Hone and John Rouse, Men wholly bent to shed innocent Blood, and lay their Country waste, not in the least bogling to ingage themselves solemnly to Murther the King, his Royal Brother, and after that, all such as should oppose their Monstrous and Tyranical proceedings; but*
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being prevented by Providence, even to a miracle, all their pernicious devices vanished into Air, and themselves rendered dreadful Examples to posterity, and fully opened the eyes of such as would not be persuaded, but this sort of men were men of harmless principles, and that what had passed in the Days of *Ignoramus*, were but Shams to amuse the people. But to particulars:

The Prisoners aforesaid being in sundry places apprehended, order was given for their Tryals at the Sessions of *Oyer and Terminer*, holden at the *Sessions-House* in the *Old Baley*, &c. where *Walcot* being Arraigned, Pleaded *Not Guilty* to his Indictment, in which were specified the Treasons of which he stood accused, as his designing the Murther of the King, and a miserable slaughter of his Subjects, to leavy War and Rebellion, &c. whereupon the Evidence being called, the principal of which were *Colonel Rumsey*, *Mr. West* and *Mr. Keeling*, who having declared the manner of the Conspiracy, and to what intent it was carryed on, charged the Prisoner with being at divers Consults, where the death of the King and the Duke of *Tork* were resolved upon, and that upon their return from *New-market*; at what time *Walcot* was appointed with a Commanded Party to fall upon the Guards, whilst *Rumbold* the Master was to Assassinate his Majesty and Royal Highness, and others to Kill the Postillion, Coachman and Horses, and that they filed him the English *Gulin*, saying, he would be such when at the head of an Army. And it was further witnessed against him, that he had provided himself Horse and Arms, and went to take a view of *Rumbold's House* near *Hadsden*, and did approve of its commodiousness for the perpetration of the Villany, which was to have been done whilst an overthrown Cart had stopped His Majesties Coach; and that the Prisoner was tempted to undertake the actual Assassination, but he refused it, saying, he would not kill a naked man, but would undertake Fighting the Guards. These and other Treasonable Conspiracies being proved against him, and a Letter produced which he had sent to *Sir Leoline Jenkins*, therein promising to make a more perfect discovery of the Hellish design, both in *England* and *Ireland*, than what as he believed others were able to do, if he might thereby hope for any mercy at His Majesties hands; as likewise another Letter taken from him in Prison, drawn up in order to be sent to a Friend of his, to intreat *Colonel Rumsey* and *Mr. West* to be favourable to him in their Evidence, he was found Guilty; and two days after, viz. on *Saturday* last received Sentence to be Drawn, Hanged and Quartered: At what time he only desired that his Friends might be permitted to visit him during his continuance in *Newgate*, which was allowed; and so, as a Man not seeming much concerned at what had befallen him, he was conveyed to the place from whence he came.

William Hone succeeding *Walcot* in taking his Tryal at the *Old-Baily* for conspiring the Death of the King, Leavying War, and procuring Arms, with many treasonable Expressions by him uttered, he at first denied the Indictment in general, and pleaded *Not Guilty*; but better considering with himself, he desired to retract that Plea, and plead *Guilty* as to the Conspiracy against the Kings Life, but would not confess his procuring Arms; yet upon his Tryal, it was plainly proved that a Horse and Arms were provided, and that he was to be one in the Assassination, that he had been at several traiterous consults,

and maliciously spoken divers Treasonable words, most of which he owned in Court, seeming greatly troubled that he had consented to so great a Wickedness, declaring to God and the World, that *Richard Goodenough* had seduced him, and perswaded him to enter into the Hellish Conspiracy, as also some others of the Conspirators, by insinuating the pretended grievances of the Nation, and laying before him the advantage that would accrue thereby.

John Rouse this time failing of an *Ignoramus Jury*, having been upon his Tryal at the *Old-Bale* found Guilty of divers Conspiracies, and Trayterous Contrivances against the Life of His Majesty, contrived and committed, according as it was given in Evidence against him, both before and since his being a Prisoner in the *Tower*, was Sentenced for High Treason, together with *Walcot* and *Hone*; the Sentence being, That they, and either of them should return to the place from whence they came, and from thence be drawn upon Hurdles, or Sledges, to the place of Execution, and there be Hanged up by the Necks, then cut down alive, their Bowels taken out, and Privities cut off to be burnt before their Faces, their Heads cut off, and Quarters divided, &c. Upon which, *Rouse* made a long Preamble about his being Innocent, as to many particulars, yet declared he was willing to submit to the Law, &c.

The Tryals over, and Sentence as is specified, they were carryed to *Newgate*, where, for the most part, they were kept assunder, yet had divers of their Friends came to visit them, and many godly Ministers to give them advice for their Souls health, laying before them the heinousness of the Crime; and the rather, because they had sinned against such goodness, and aggravated the Crime in Conspiring against the Life of a Prince, under whom they did and might have Lived happily; but seeing Divine Justice had overtaken them, and no hopes of continuing long in this World, that they would bethink themselves, and spend the few moments that were left them to the advantage of their Immortal Souls, and not through neglect render themselves doubly wretched: To this and such like Ghostly advice they were observed to be very attentive, especially *Hone*, who expressed abundance of sorrow for the greatness of his offence, saying, that by reason of his former Sins, and his refusing to be reclaimed, God had suffered him to fall into this great Temptation, desiring, the Prayers of all good men, saying that if he might Live, all the business of his Life would prove insufficient to expiate so great a Crime.

Walcot and *Rouse* appeared more retired and reserved, the former seeming for the most part willfully obstinate or morose; yet in his countenance appeared a remorse and regret for what he had Acted, seeming rather to confess than deny the horrid design, &c.

Rouse was observed for the most part to be greatly dejected, often Lamenting his wretched state; and thus continued these Miscreants, whom Malice, hope of Gain or Preferment has brought to ruin and a shameful though deserved end, on this 20th. of July, on which day they were drawn upon Sledges to the place of Execution, where after they had expressed a sorrow for the heinous Conspiracy, and treasonable Crimes intended against the Life of the best of Kings, &c. and said some short Prayers, they suffered according to the Sentence aforesaid.

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The Executioner Imboweling and Quartering them, the Quarters we are informed are by His Majesties Bounty restored to their Relations: And thus fell those miserable men the sad Example of offended Justice, having brought themselves to shameful ends, by designing the blackest of Crimes; but 'tis often apparent, that those who act against the Lives of Sacred Kings, frequently fall into the Snare themselves have laid, as it was observed by the inhumane Monsters that Trayterously, barbarously and Villainously Murthered His Majesties Father of Blessed memory, and indeed in all Ages wherein such wicked designs have taken Birth: For God has declared, *He that spils Mans Blood, by Man shall his Blood be spilt.* And certainly to contrive and design it by Hellish and Diabolick Conspiracies, is no less heinous in the sight of the Just Creator: Therefore I hope this timely and most Miraculous discovery, together with the punishment inflicted upon the Traytors will prove a sufficient warning to deter others from the like inhumane undertaking.

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